

## WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)?

Unwanted household products, labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive are household hazardous wastes. Common products include:

- Aerosols
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries – Car & Household
- Cell Phones
- Computers
- Fertilizers
- Flammable Fluids
- Fluorescent Lights
- Garden Chemicals
- Household Cleaners
- Latex Paint & Stains
- Mercury Thermometers/Thermostats
- Oil-based Paint & Stains
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane & Helium Tanks
- Sharps-Hypodermic Needles
- TVs
- Used Motor Oil
- Used Oil Filters
- ...and Many Other Products

It is unsafe to dispose of hazardous waste in the trash. Improper disposal deposits harmful contaminants in local landfills, causes environmental degradation, pollutes the bay, endangers refuse workers, and increases risks to public health and safety.

## WHAT IF I HAVE BUSINESS WASTE?

Businesses that qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) can participate in the County of Santa Clara Business Hazardous Waste Program.

The VSQG Program provides affordable, convenient, and legal disposal of hazardous waste for qualifying businesses that generate less than 27 gallons (220 pounds or 100 kilograms) of hazardous waste per month and accumulate less than one quart (1 kilogram) of extremely hazardous waste per month. Electronic waste is also accepted.

For more information about our business waste options, call **(800) 207-8222** or visit **HHW.org/CESQG**.



County of Santa Clara  
Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency  
Household Hazardous Waste Program

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## HOW CAN I DISPOSE OF HHW?

### HHW Drop-off Events:

Bring your wastes to an HHW drop-off event. It's FREE for residents from participating cities. The HHW Program is

funded by participating cities and the County of Santa Clara. To participate, schedule your drop-off appointment.

- **Online Appointment**

Go to **HHW.org** and click on the button shown below:

**Make An Appointment**

- **Phone Appointment:**

Make an appointment by calling **(408) 299-7300** (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

*Note: Cities of Cupertino and Palo Alto operate an independent HHW collection service for their city residents.*

*City of Cupertino residents call (800) 449-7587*

*City of Palo Alto residents call (650) 496-5910*



## RETAIL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

There are many locations where you may drop off used batteries, used motor oil and oil filters, fluorescent lights, electronic waste (e-waste), unwanted/expired medication, sharps, etc.

Go to **HHW.org** for a list of locations.

## RESTRICTION AT HHW DROP-OFF EVENTS

**The following wastes are NOT accepted:**

- Radioactive Wastes
- Ammunition and Explosives
- Business Generated Waste
- Materials in Containers Larger than 5 Gallons
- Compressed Gas Cylinders Larger than 5 Gallons

For your safety, the HHW Drop-Off Event is a drive-through collection service. You must remain in your vehicle at the time of drop-off. HHW staff will remove waste from your vehicle for you. Please no pets or smoking.

For information on proper disposal of these wastes, call **(408) 299-7300** or visit **HHW.org**



**WHEN YOU USE THE FREE, CONVENIENT HHW PROGRAM, OUR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY WIN!**

## TRANSPORTATION

- Residents must follow the legal requirements for hazardous waste transportation by not transporting more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous products to the HHW collection events.
- Use caution when handling hazardous chemicals and place in closed, leak-proof containers to prevent spills and possible mixing of chemicals.
- Place containers in the trunk or truck bed, away from passenger areas.

